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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY GREENWALD

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SUBJECT: EMBASSY ORGANIZED SEMINAR FOR SPANISH JOURNALISTS

1. YOU MAY RECALL THAT TWO YEARS AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO EC, YOU AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN A WEEKEND SEMINAR THAT THIS EMBASSY WAS ORGANIZING FOR SPANISH JOURNALIST. YOU HAD TO CANCEL YOUR PARTICIPATION AT THE LAST MINUTE BECAUSE OF AN UNEXPECTED EUROPEAN VISIT BY THE SECRETARY THE EMBASSY IS ORGANIZING ANOTHER SIMILAR WEEKEND SEMINAR FOR 40 INFLUENTIAL SPANISH POLITICAL INTERNATIONAL AND ECONOMIC JOURNALIST. THE PRINCIPAL THEMES WILL BE THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY, EAST WEST RELATIONS, THE WORLD ECONOMY AND U.S. RELATIONS.

2. I WANT TO EXTEND ANOTHER INVITATION TO YOU TO BE A PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT THIS SECOND SEMINAR IN THE HOPE YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SPARE A WEEKEND FROM YOUR PRESSING SCHEDULE. WE PLACE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANT ON THE SEMINAR AS AN EFFECTIVE VEHICLE FOR CONVEYING THE USG VIEWPOINT ON MAJOR ISSUES AT THIS CRITICAL PERIOD IN SPAIN'S POLITICAL EVOLUTION.

3. THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT HOTEL IN ESCORIAL, 45 MINUTES FROM MADRID, WEEKEND OF MAY 7,8,9. IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO ATTEND FOR ONLY TWO TO THREE

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HOUR PERIOD EITHER SATURDAY, MAY 8 OR SUNDAY MORNING

MAY 9, YOUR SUBJECT WOULD BE THE WORLD ECONOMY, COVERING CURRENT TRADE AND MONETARY REFORM NEGOTIATIONS, NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, WEST'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS: INFLATION, UNEMPLOYMENT: RESOURCES SCARCITY AND THIRD/FOURTH WORLD ISSUES. YOU WOULD BE ASKED TO SPEAK FOR MAXIMUM 30 MINUTES AND TAKE PART IN DISCUSSION MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES ON OFF-RECORD BASIS. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

4. YOUR ROUND TRIP AND PER DIEM EXPENSES WOULD BE COVERED BY EMBASSY WHICH HAS FUNDS BUDGETED FOR PROJECT.

5. I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE REGARDING YOUR AVAILABILITY. I AM ALSO SENDING INVITATIONS TO HAL SONNENFELDT AND ARTHUR HARTMAN TO DISCUSS EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND ATLANTIC COMMUNITY, RESPECTIVELY, AND SHALL BE INVITING VARIOUS NON-OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS ON OTHER SUBJECT. BEST REGARDS.
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